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FOR CHARGE

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PEPR PINT LE SY

SUBJECT: THE AFTERMATH OF THE FRANGIEH MURDER

1. WE PRESUME THAT YOU AND OTHER APPROPRIATE MEMBERS OF THE EMBASSY STAFF WILL BE SEEKING INFORMATION FROM THE SYRIANS AS TO THE PROBABLE AFTERMATH OF THE FRANGIEH MURDER, ITS IMPLICATIONS FOR LEBANESE STABILITY, AND PARTICULARLY THE POSITION THE SYRIANS WILL ADOPT.

2. IN TAKING THESE SOUNDINGS, YOU SHOULD PUT ACROSS THE NEED FOR RESTRAINT AND CAUTION ON SYRIA'S PART WHILE ACKNOWLEDGING THAT SYRIA HAS AN INDISPENSABLE ROLE IN PRESERVING SECURITY, WHICH ON THE WHOLE IT HAS CARRIED OUT WELL DESPITE MANY PROVOCATIONS AND DIFFICULTIES. ASK WHAT THE U.S. MIGHT DO TO BE HELPFUL IN FORESTALLING A NEW CYCLE OF VIOLENCE.

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